

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Heinz Loosen
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "2 or claim";

Claim 8, line 1, change "claims" to -- claim -- and delete "through 7";

Claim 9, line 1, delete "claims 4 through 8" and insert -- claim 7 --;

Claim 10, line 1, change "claims" to -- claim -- and delete "through 9";

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11";

Claim 13, line 1, change "claims" to -- claim -- and delete "through 12";

line 2, delete "the" (second and third occurrences), and before
"sieve" insert -- a --;

Claim 15, line 1, change "claims" to -- claim -- and delete "through 14";

Claim 16, line 1, delete "claim 1 through 15" and insert -- claim 4 --;

Claim 22, line 1, change "claims" to -- claim -- and delete "through 21";

Claim 23, line 1, delete "claims 1 through 22" and insert -- claim 10 --;

Claim 25, line 1, delete "1-24" and insert -- 9 --;

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